

“That He Swore To Your Fathers”
Practical Expressions Of God's Covenantal Love
Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 20
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Testing To Prove Genuineness, (vs. 1 - 20)

- God's Testing Serves To Confirm His Covenantal Promises To Those Who Love Him, (vs. 11 - 20)

1. God's children must guard against forgetting what God has taught them, (vs. 11)

11.1) Forgetting Is Relational Not Logistical

“Take (Impv.) Care Lest You Forget (Impf) The Lord”-

¹⁾ “Remove far from me falsehood and lying; ²⁾ give me neither poverty nor riches; ³⁾ feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” ⁴⁾ or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.” (Proverbs 30:8-9, ESV)

11.2) Disobedience Is Not The Cause; It Is The Fruit

“By Not Keeping His Commands”-

“They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them – had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.” (Psalm 106:21-23, ESV)

11.3) God's Word Proceeds From His Very Nature

“Command (Part) You Today”-

¹⁾ “I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. ²⁾ And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. ³⁾ Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. ⁴⁾ And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord GOD. ⁵⁾ “But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his.” (Ezekiel 16:10-15, ESV)

1) “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? 2) Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. 3) New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. 4) When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.” (Isaiah 1:12-15, ESV)

- 1) Who is the real object of your worship?
- 2) Forgetting God disqualifies your worship.
- 3) Pretense in worship burdens God.
- 4) God does not listen or accept worship that does not honor Him.

How have you forgotten God and offered to Him worship that is disqualified?

2. God's children must guard against trusting in their own accomplishments, (vs. 12)
3. God's children must guard against boasting in their own success, (vs. 13 - 14)
4. God's children must guard against rewriting the past to highlight their own progress, (vs. 15)
5. God's children must guard against claiming God's wisdom as their own, (vs. 16)
6. God's children must guard against stealing God's glory and making it theirs, (vs. 17 - 18)
7. God's children must guard against worshiping themselves instead of worshiping God, (vs. 19)
8. God's children must guard against disobeying God as those who do not know God do, (vs. 20)